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The newest painting of the King is this portrait of him wearing Garter robes over a Field-Marshal's uniform. It was painted by Mr. Maurice Codner for the Honourable Artillery Company, the oldest regiment in the British Army, of which His Majesty is Captain-General. In the background of the picture is Armoury House, the headquarters of the H.A.C. in Finsbury. The painting is in the annual exhibition of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters at the Royal Institute Galleries in Piccadilly.

SHIP 3000 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL

A "ship" that will never go to sea is H.M.N.Z.S. Irirangi. This is the name recently given to the naval wireless telegraphy station at Waicuru, a village almost midway on the 400-mile railway linking Auckland with Wellington.

Irirangi, a native word meaning "suspended in or floating through the heavens," is now used by Maoris for matters relating to wireless and broadcasting.

H.M.N.Z.S. Irirangi is about 100 miles from the nearest salt

water. She is also nearly 3000 feet up on the slopes of Mount Ruapehu, a snow-capped volcano whose summit is 9000 feet above sea level.

This may seem a quaint place for one of His Majesty's ships—but not for one "floating through the heavens."

But wireless men all agree that it is an ideal place for the reception of wireless messages from naval stations all over the world and from ships at sea.

EXPLORER FINDS LOST AFRICAN CITIES

Relics of an ancient civilisation

AFTER months of weary safari in the lonely hinterland of Tanganyika, one of the most important archaeological discoveries for many years has been made by the distinguished author and explorer, Mr. F. A. Mitchell-Hedges.

The ruins have been found of a mysterious ancient city, the centre of a civilisation which once flourished with great wealth and pomp. "The findings will throw new light on history," the explorer has declared.

At a strange coastal spot known as Sanji ya Manjomo, the party had to pick a tortuous way ashore through massed coral and slimy mud until they reached a mangrove swamp. For at least another mile thick bush made their advance slow and painful; but their reward lay ahead—a glimpse of the strange ruins.

Gigantic baobab trees were growing where walls had once stood firmly. The explorer quickly deduced that many fair-sized buildings had been in use. Now they were silent beneath the blazing tropical sun, and all around were mounds of decayed masonry.

Soon the party came upon evidence of a large burial ground and the walls of a city.

THROUGH THE BUSH

Cutting their way through more dense vine and bush, they halted before a magnificent solitary tomb, enclosed by a well-fashioned wall two yards high. Obviously, the tomb had been that of a notable personage, and it was quite unlike anything seen before by Mr. Mitchell-Hedges.

In the course of their investigations, the excited scientists discovered more extensive ruins, suggesting a building at least 60 yards long. Within were the remains of a courtyard, banqueting hall, audience chambers, and many smaller rooms.

Towering above this ancient site were no fewer than five gigantic baobabs, each over 100 feet high. Their secret was soon solved by the explorer when he found, scattered about the ruins, large oval seed pods, many a foot in length.

DESTROYED BY TREES

The inhabitants of this once-bustling city had probably used them for carrying water and other liquids, and from them the trees had sprouted. Through the centuries they had grown in the midst of the deserted structures, finally overwhelming and pushing aside the walls and roofs.

One tree was 43 feet round, almost filling what had once been a room.

On the nearby island of Kilwa Kisiwani, off the East African coast, further interesting discoveries were made.

There was evidence of great pillars, domes, and arches of fine mosques, a palace with three storeys, and a great courtyard, a castle, and houses. Fragments of Chinese porcelain were dug up.

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SCHOOL FOR YOUNG FISHERMEN

In the primary school at Carradale, an old-world fishing town on the Firth of Clyde, pupils are being taught a subject which will probably concern them most when they leave school—fishing.

They are taught to mend fishing nets, and for history they are given a background to the fishing industry. For geography they learn all about the fishing grounds, and home and foreign ports. The economic classes are given over to markets, the expense of running boats, and so on.

As Scots and English fishermen use their own terms, the language classes teach pupils English fishing words as well as Gaelic.

PENNYWISE

There will be no bright new pennies for Christmas; in fact, so many are now in circulation that the Royal Mint is to melt down 120 million. Some 2,724,492,720 pennies have been minted since 1860, when they were first made in their present size.

PARA-SHOCK

An American paratrooper taking part in an exhibition jump at Fort Benning, Georgia, had the terrible experience of finding that his parachute failed to open.

He was hurtling to earth when another paratrooper, Private Frank Elliott, grabbed the suspension lines of the collapsed parachute. Elliott's parachute was then 500 feet from the ground, but it stood the strain and enabled both men to land safely.

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ITALIAN RENAISSANCE

By the C.N. Diplomatic Correspondent

If there were a league table indicating the relative importance of the nations in world affairs it would show changes from week to week in much the same way that changes are shown in the league tables of association football. For instance, in the past few weeks international attention has turned increasingly to Italy, and her position of importance has correspondingly risen.

The increased importance of Italy has caused pleasure in some countries, but agitated reaction in others.

Soviet Russia and the group of satellite nations whose foreign policy she controls are watching with disapproving eyes the moves to make Italy a stronger factor in free Western Europe.

In the coming months further limelight will be thrown on Italy's position. Arguments in the U.N. about her future course and responsibilities may well be mentioned in the Security Council.

Russia's dislike, however, for the latest Western hopes of Italy taking a place as an equal among the nations will not be allowed to push her down the international league table.

HELP FROM THE WEST

Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Minister, and M. Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, have both been in close touch during recent days with Signor De Gaspari, Italy's Prime Minister, with a view to smoothing Italian difficulties.

In fact, the Western powers would like to see Italy a member of the U.N., but the Soviets have the veto up their sleeve and make it clear that they will use it when necessary to counter such a move.

Britain's view—and it is shared by America and all the democracies—is that Italy is no longer the shabby ne'er-do-well of the nations who sided with the Nazis in the last war. The black sheep has made good, and the hour has arrived when everybody should admit the fact.

By the help Italy has given in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation she has proved the sincerity of her new outlook.

Another big difficulty confronting Italy—perhaps the biggest of all—is the deadlock over what should be done about Trieste, the "free territory" to the North.

There has been the strongest possible rivalry between Italy and Yugoslavia on this question, be-

cause both claim national rights in Trieste.

The Western powers have long felt that the rivals should reach a mutual settlement of the problem, and Britain in particular has refrained from interfering.

Now there are good signs that Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav leader, is ready to talk amicably with Prime Minister De Gaspari, and to make some concessions.

Italians have not yet lost their self-consciousness over the bad reputation acquired by their country through the infamous policies of Mussolini and the Fascists.

This has indirectly caused a surge of national feeling and patriotism, and it finds one outlet in a popular cry of, "Hands off Trieste."

It is very difficult for a government to disregard such a strong feeling among millions of people. The Italian coalition government knows full well that if it failed to assert what are held to be Italy's rights in Trieste immediate unrest would follow; and this would be in addition to the clash of opinion in Italy on what should be done to improve their position.

COMMUNISTS v. FASCISTS

One wing of the variety of political parties thinks the Communists should be suppressed by the sternest measures. Another extreme section accuses the Government of an almost Fascist tendency to take suppressive measures.

The truth is that neither of these views is right. To outside observers, it seems that those in charge of Italy's policy are doing quite well by managing to avoid extremist demands from whatever side they come.

That is a tribute to the fundamental good sense of the majority of the people who voted the Government into power.

Perhaps, also, it is the best guarantee of Italy gaining a still higher place in the councils of the nations.

Young People and Human Rights

December 10 is Human Rights Day. It is the anniversary of the United Nations' approval of "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights," a day which President Truman recommended should be observed every year.

In many parts of the world the provisions of this great Declaration are ignored by tyrannical rulers, but, happily for us, the youth of our land are determined on the protection and development of the basic rights of everyone.

Not only will youth observe December 10, but during the Christmas holidays 3000 boys and girls will discuss this vital subject of Human Rights in a conference at the Central Hall, Westminster, at which it is hoped that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the first chairman of the Human Rights Commission, will speak.

These young people, at any rate, will disprove the cynic's saying that freedom is something that you only value when you have lost it.

VITAL QUESTIONS

The conference, which is being held from January 1 to 4, has been arranged by the Council for Education in World Citizenship. Among the questions debated will be: Do you believe that one race is superior to another? Should trade unions be affiliated to any particular political party? Do you believe that the woman's place is in the home?

The boys and girls will be addressed by Julian Huxley, who will give the scientific viewpoint; Richard O'Sullivan, K.C., who will speak on Equality before the Law; Miss Mary Trevelyan, on Race and Colour, and Miss J. M. Bowie, on Women's Rights. New Religious Tolerance will be discussed by a Roman Catholic, a Protestant, a Moslem, and a Jew.

Full details of the conference can be obtained from C.E.W.C., 25 Charles Street, London, W.1.

SAMOA HONOURS AN OLD TEACHER

Thousands of young Samoan boys have benefited during the past 48 years from the teaching of the Reverend Brother Pamphilus, who in 1903 went to Samoa from France. Recently the people of Samoa presented him with an illuminated address to celebrate his 60 years of service as a teacher.

Joseph Maria Rohrer was born in Switzerland 77 years ago. He entered the novitiate of the Marist Brothers in France when he was 16, and taught in French schools. He was assigned to the Chinese Mission as Brother Pamphilus, but in response to a call from Samoa he changed his destination.

Nine years before Brother Pamphilus began his life's work in Samoa, the people there had mourned the death of their friend Robert Louis Stevenson, whose grave on Mount Vaea is just outside the town of Apia.

In spite of his advanced years, Brother Pamphilus still carries out his duties as conscientiously as ever.

News from Everywhere

HOW THEY GO TO WORK

A survey of the travelling habits of Londoners shows that 58 per cent go to work by public transport, 14 per cent by bicycle, 17 per cent on foot, four per cent by car, and one per cent by motor-cycle. The remainder work at home.

The value of motor-cars exported by Britain in October reached the all-time record of £11,400,000. They totalled 32,307.

Two fishermen and a former R.A.F. officer reached Sydney from Christchurch, Hants, in a 32-foot ketch. Their 12,615-mile voyage took 196 days.

Petrol rationing in Eire (in force since September 1939) is to be abolished on January 1.

Brass buttons embossed with the national emblem of a lion and an eagle will shortly replace the crown and eagle buttons on Indian Air Force uniforms.

SWIFT SERVICE

Girl attendants on roller skates, an American idea, have been introduced at a Birmingham garage.

Professor W. K. Hancock, Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in the University of London, has accepted an invitation to write a biography of General Smuts for the Cambridge University Press.

New Zealand's offer of an extra 4000 tons of butter and 4000 tons of cheese has been accepted by Lord Woolton.

Liliane Biardon, a 20-year-old French girl, has just ended a six-month tour of Europe on horseback. She covered 2100 miles.

Endowed bedrooms are to be set up in the extension of the Victory (Ex-Services) Club in London as a memorial to Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood.

OLD FOSSIL

A fossilised sea urchin believed to be about 80 million years old, was kicked up in a field at Hunstanton, Norfolk, by David Guy. He at first thought it was a discarded tennis ball.

Mr. Holt, Australian Minister of Labour and Immigration, has stated that Australia has jobs waiting for at least 137,000 adults; three-quarters of them are for men.

The 27,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Scotland, in which Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh returned from their Canadian tour, created a record for a ship of her size by discharging, reloading, and sailing from Liverpool on her return trip, all within 48 hours.

A grape vine on the roof of Adelaide House, London Bridge, some 140 feet above the Thames, this year produced 86 bunches of luscious fruit.

UNPOPULAR POPLARS

Poplar trees in playgrounds in built-up areas have seriously damaged buildings, drains, and paved surfaces. These trees, particularly the Lombardy variety, have roots which spread rapidly, and the L.C.C. have decided to plant them only in schools in open areas.

Girls of Southwick (Sussex) County Secondary School have raised £748 in 16 months towards the cost of a swimming pool for their school. By organising fetes and running a permanent jumble-sale shop they hope to raise £2000 in four years.

A supply of 36,000 children's books has been sent from Scottish schools to schools in Jamaica in answer to an appeal.

6263 PRIZES

At the East Kent Cage-bird Show at Canterbury, a 70-year-old retired baker was awarded a prize for each of the 21 canaries he entered, bringing his total awards to 6263.

At the end of October the total number of television licences issued was 1,031,950. The Post Office believes that another 250,000 sets are being used without licences. Radio receiving licences total 11,417,000.

The winter exhibition at the Royal Academy, which opens on Saturday, will be a selection of pictures and sculpture from the first 100 of the Academy's annual exhibitions.

The Royal barge used by the King and Queen in South Africa will be used by Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh during their Australian and New Zealand tour next year.

RELICS OF ANCIENT CIVILISATION

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Once, it is now known, the city was of great commercial importance, serving the desert trade routes to the distant Eastern world.

The island, which is only seven miles long, had its own mint, coins being struck by the reigning sultan nearly 700 years ago. But relics of an even earlier civilisation are likely to be discovered when further excavations are made, for Prince Ali Ibn Hassan, a Persian prince, ruled there in the year 957, and an ancient scribe once called it "the most nobly built city on Earth."

A few nomadic Arabs still live there, but the natives from the

mainland resolutely refuse to venture on the little island. They believe that terrible ghosts and demons dwell there.

The 69-year-old explorer has now returned to Mombasa, and has made a full report on his exciting discoveries to the Tanganyika Government.

It is not the first fine achievement of Mr. Mitchell-Hedges. Nearly 30 years ago, penetrating into the unknown regions of Panama, he came across a new race of people, and later discovered another ancient site in British Honduras, including the first amphitheatre ever found in the Americas.

A Christmas

she'll remember

In many people an experience of Christmas with The Salvation Army has inspired a lifelong faith in human kindness. They remember it thankfully as a time when love and happiness were made real for them. Please help to bring the true spirit of Christmas to our big family of all ages from baby-

hood to "eventide," by sending a gift to General Albert Orsborn, 101 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4.

The Salvation Army



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NEW WAY OF CUTTING GLASS

A process of "machining" glass by photo-chemistry has been developed in America.

A photographic pattern is applied to a sheet of glass, which is then treated by acids which eat away part of the pattern. Any design that can be recorded on a photographic film can be reproduced in glass pictures, in sculptured shapes, or etched patterns.

One very useful application of this process has been the cutting of holes in glass panels. Any shape, size, or number of holes can be cut without risk of cracking or damaging the glass.

To show how effective is the method, sheets of glass perforated with numerous tiny hexagonal holes have been made. They look like perforated zinc, except that they are transparent.

Glass shaped by this new process will be used in electronics, lighting, and decoration.

MONTREAL'S MILLION

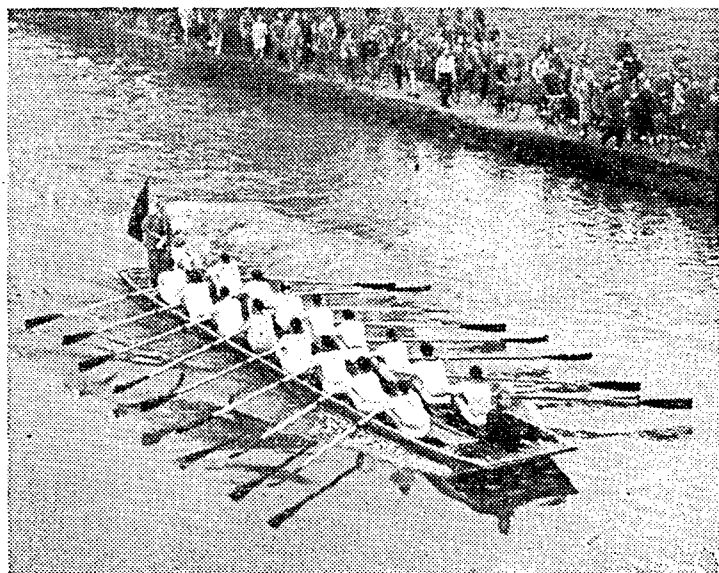
The first results of Canada's recent census show that nearly all the city populations have greatly increased.

For the first time Canada now has a city of over a million inhabitants—Montreal, which now has 1,370,044 as against 903,007 in 1941. Edmonton is the city whose population has increased most—from 93,817 to 158,709. Calgary comes next, with 126,631 instead of 88,904.

TYRES FOR TRAINS

Experiments are being carried out with a rubber-tyred train on the Metro—the Underground of Paris. Cars have been fitted with pneumatic tyres which have a safety rim on the inner side to guide the bogies at points and crossings.

If the experiment is a success, the idea will be extended to all trains on the system; it will lessen noise and give greater comfort to passengers.



Oxford's galley

Oxford oarsmen mean to give a better account of themselves next year. Borrowing an idea from America, they have had built a special training punt, named Leviathan, in which 16 oarsmen can row at a time. The gangway enables the coach to correct individual faults.

SCOUTS POOL IDEAS

British Scouts are now actively engaged in organising next year's world Indaba for Scout leaders. Indaba is a Zulu word meaning "a meeting for discussion" by the elders or counsellors of the tribe; but the Scout gathering will not take the form of a conference; it is designed so that ideas and information can be exchanged by individuals camping together and making friends.

In nearly 50 years of Scouting many distinctive methods and techniques have emerged among the different races and civilisations which have adopted it, and it is felt that the Indaba will do much to spread the experience which has been gained.

So from July 15 to 24 next, representatives from 97 countries will assemble at Gilwell Park, Essex, where British Scouts will act as hosts to the 3500 Scout leaders expected to attend.

JUMBO ON THE LINE

Elephants have been making trouble on Southern Rhodesian railways.

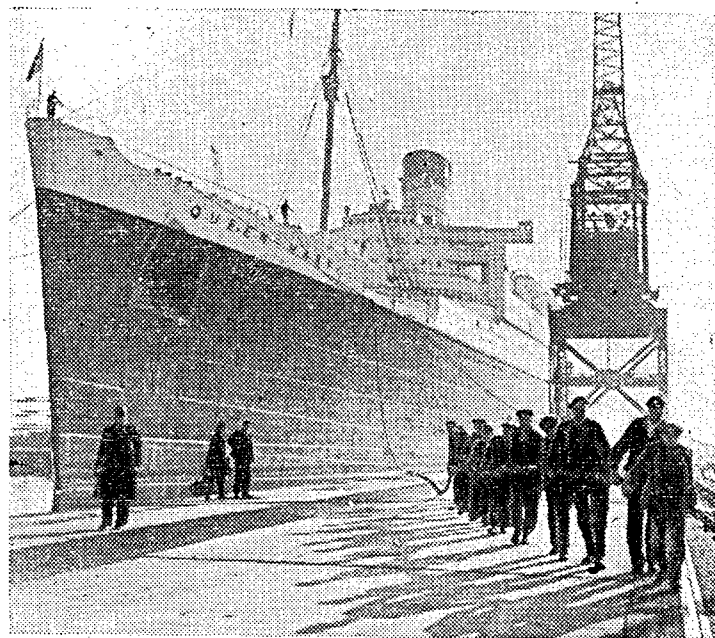
A train passing through thick forest country the other day had 29 of its carriage windows broken by the branch of an uprooted tree which almost certainly had been playfully uprooted by an elephant and left at the side of the permanent way.

This section of the line has to be constantly patrolled because of the damage done by elephant trespassers.

FROST WARNINGS

When there is a risk of frost special bulletins are now telephoned to London Transport traffic control centre from the Meteorological Office Headquarters at Dunstable.

Precautions can then be taken to prevent the electric current rail being affected by ice. One device enables trains to pick up anti-freeze from containers and spread it on the lines.



Ocean Queen off duty

The immense bulk of the Queen Mary dwarfs the men who handle the hawser as the liner enters dry dock at Southampton for her annual overhaul. She resumes her sailings on Saturday.

THE SMOKE

London's well-known nickname—"The Smoke"—may possibly lose its meaning before long.

Special smoke-eliminating doors which were fitted to boilers of ships during the war, to minimise tell-tale smoke trails, have been improved, and many industrial plants and factories around London are using them to prevent air pollution.

Local Government authorities are co-operating with a fuel research station in supplying information as to the amount of pollution.

UNBREAKABLE CUPS AND SAUCERS

A new type of enamel combines the properties of porcelain and plastic.

It is no more difficult to apply than any ordinary paint, yet it has the hardness and resistance of a glazed porcelain finish. At the same time it retains certain plastic properties, and is not brittle.

Experiments are being made by glazing metal cups and saucers, plates, and so on with this paint to produce truly unbreakable "crookery."

BROTHERLY HELP

The Commonwealth is taking practical steps towards helping its under-developed parts. New Zealand, Australia, and Canada are to establish a 1500-acre demonstration farm in the Western Punjab, to help the Pakistan Government's great scheme to improve the cultivation of 1,250,000 acres of land.

The farm is part of the three countries' contribution to Pakistan under the Colombo Plan.

LEND A HAND

At home waste-paper can be an eyesore; in the mills it can help this country to pay its way. Collected and pulped down, it can be remade into newsprint, cardboard for cartons, and boards for ceilings. Will you please lend a hand in the Salvage Drive?

WAGONS ON THE MOVE

The biggest and most up-to-date railway marshalling yard in the country is at Toton, near Nottingham. It has 37 sidings covering 27 miles of lines, and has been completely mechanised by British Railways at a cost of £800,000.

Points are electrically operated from a control room, and remote control of truck movements, together with special lighting, enables the yard to work smoothly even in dense fog.

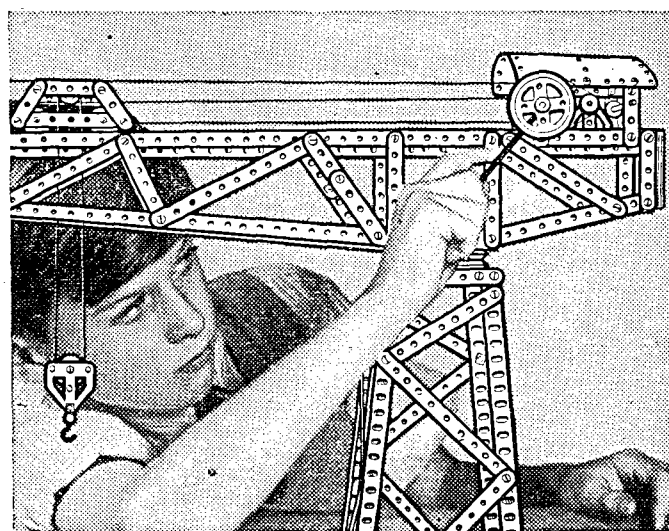
Some 3000 to 4000 wagons a day can now be handled, and although this is an increase of 500 to 1000 wagons a day, manpower needs have been reduced by a quarter, especially for engine crews.

In this most important coal centre as much as 40,000 tons can now pass through in a day.

GIRL GUIDE LOGBOOK

A logbook of the Girl Guides which has travelled over 50,000 miles has been presented to Lady Stratheden, the Imperial Chief Commissioner. Together with a scroll of friendship presented by Princess Margaret to the Girl Guides of Canada last year, the logbook has journeyed to every Guide unit in Canada.

Many of these Guide units have enriched the Princess's logbook with tokens which include sketches, paintings, photographs, maps, and an example of Indian beadwork.



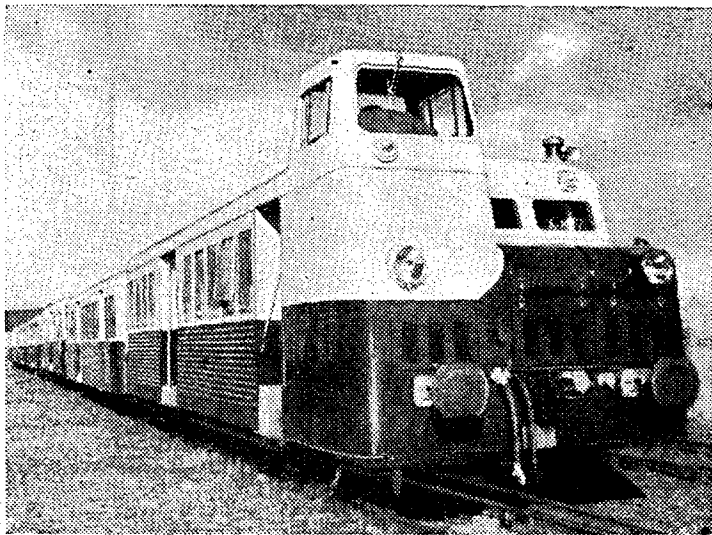
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New French electric train

This new type of electric train constructed by the French Railways for service in the Saar has a crow's-nest cabin for the driver raised well above the level of the carriage roof.

DANGERS OF PROPHECY

What a tricky business it is in this scientific age to attempt even a comparatively short-range prophecy. An expressed opinion, sound enough at the time, is so easily disproved by events.

This was brought home to us the other day. While glancing through an old volume of CN we came upon the following passage in the issue dated February 25, 1922—less than 30 years ago:

Shall we ever be able to use the mighty energy stored up in the

atoms of which matter is composed in order to obtain the power now supplied by steam and electricity? Sir Ernest Rutherford, the famous scientist of Cambridge, thinks not. He is one of the world's greatest authorities on the subject, and has recently told the Institute of Mechanical Engineers that he does not think we can look in the future for a source of power in the disintegration of the atom by the forces at present at our hand.

This will be disappointing news to those who had hoped that a cheap and effective substitute for coal would soon be found in the release and harnessing of the energy of the atom. It is very tantalising to know that such vast stores of power lie so near at hand and yet are unreachable.

So much for the prophecy. Now for the disproof.

ATOMIC HEAT

Today the scientists at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, are using heat from the larger of the two experimental reactors to heat a newly-built wing, and are well satisfied with the results.

This is only the first stage of plans to make a practical use of all the heat generated in the pile, and there are sanguine hopes that by next year this one small scheme will be saving 1000 tons of coal annually.

Britain's atomic scientists are now, we learn, awaiting the orders to go ahead on the first pile designed purely for the production of energy.

The dawn of a new era in which the atom will be harnessed to man's needs draws steadily nearer.

No one, of course, would have been more delighted than that modest scientist, Sir Ernest Rutherford, whose discoveries of the structure of the atom helped to make all this possible.

Your CN

Ask your newsagent to reserve a copy for you each week, and so save disappointment.

British books in Paris

We British have kept too quiet in the past about our cultural achievements, and a great exhibition of our books in Paris, which includes the first book ever printed in England, is causing real delight to our neighbours.

The collection, which is worth £1,500,000, is the most valuable ever to leave our shores, and it demonstrates impressively the genius of the British people in the related arts of literature and book production. Book treasures for it have been lent by the King, the Duke of Gloucester, and other collectors, as well as by libraries and other institutions.

The Exhibition, called Le Livre Anglais, is being held in the Bibliothèque Nationale until the end of this month. President Auriol was present at the opening.

Britain's oldest printed book is *Dictes and Sayings of the Philosophers*, printed by William Caxton in 1477. Caxton's translation of Aesop's Fables, printed in 1484, is also in the collection. The oldest exhibit on view is a Northumbrian binding on a copy of St. John's Gospel, probably executed before A.D. 687, which was discovered in the tomb of St. Cuthbert.

The exhibition, which includes many illuminated manuscripts, first editions, finely-printed books, beautiful bindings, and portraits of British authors, was organised by the British Council.

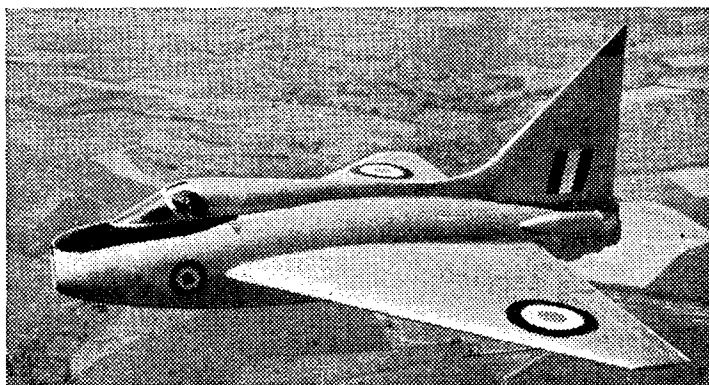
MAGNETIC PAINT

One of the latest developments in paint-spraying is a fitting which charges the spray with electricity.

Each particle of paint becomes, in effect, a tiny magnet. As a result, bare metal attracts paint to it, building up a perfectly smooth coating with less waste of materials and in less time than hitherto.

The new method is being used in the spray-finishing of refrigerators.

PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



2. The Boulton Paul P.111

The Boulton Paul P. 111—second British delta-wing to fly—has been designed for research into the behaviour of this novel layout at high speeds.

A single-seat machine, it is pressurised for performance at great heights, and is packed with flight-recording instruments. An ejector-type seat is fitted to shoot the pilot clear of the aircraft should an emergency arise.

Power is derived from a 5000-lb.

PONIES ARE PUTTING ON WEIGHT

By Craven Hill, CN Correspondent at London Zoo

THE Children's Zoo is now closed for the winter, but plenty is going on there all the same. The riding animals, for instance, still have to have their daily exercise to keep them in condition.

Indeed, six of the riding ponies now get a daily outing in the adjoining park, and an attractive sight they make as they trot along, each led by a girl in uniform. The animals are the New Forest ponies

New resident



Dinah Sheridan, star of the Royal Command film, *Where No Vultures Fly*, is here seen with Lucky, the gazelle which has been brought from Kenya and presented to the London Zoo.

Tim and Ray; the Exmoor ponies Trigger and Jeep; and the Shetlands John and Gay.

Mr. Oliver G. Jones, the Zoo's veterinary surgeon, says that now they are no longer giving rides to little visitors, these ponies were all getting overweight. "But this daily trot out in the park should help them to keep their fat down," he said.

IN winter it is not unusual for hundreds of gulls to flock to the Zoo, hoping, I suppose, to find

a few bits of fish. But just lately there have been two much rarer feathered visitors. These are two herons.

Almost as soon as it is daylight the herons wing their way over Regent's Park and alight on the roof of the Great Aviary, inside which live a pair of captive herons. The gate-crashers come in from the Hyde Park direction, stay half-an-hour or so preening themselves, and then fly off, probably to do some fishing in the adjacent Regent's Canal.

Zoo keepers have tried repeatedly to entice the herons to the ground to take food, but so far without success. The two captive herons inside the aviary take little notice of their kindred from the wild.

It is 16 years since a wild heron was seen in the Gardens. On the last occasion the bird, a male, was so attracted by a female kept in the Southern Aviary that he even made an attempt at nest-building on the aviary roof.

Taking pity on him, the Zoo deliberately released its female heron, whereupon the two flew away and were never heard of again!

Two Christmas lectures for children of Fellows and their friends are being arranged by the Society.

The first, on January 2, has as its title *Stars of the Reptile House*. It will be given by Mr. Jack Lester, curator of reptiles. The second, called *From Jungle to Zoo*, will be given by Mr. G. S. Cansdale, the superintendent, and will describe how animals are caught and packed for transit to Regent's Park.

The lectures, which will be given in the large Meeting Room at the Society's offices, are timed for 3 p.m. and will be illustrated with lantern slides, films, and living animals. Admission will be free by ticket obtainable from the Society's secretary.

CLEVER AT TAKING NOTES

A householder in Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire, placed a £1 note in an envelope and pinned it to her back door so that it could be collected by the coalman. An hour later the envelope and note had gone, but there was still no coal in the coal-house.

At once a search was made, and the money was found tucked neatly under a clump of honeysuckle not far away.

The householder tried again, but this time only a message was pinned to the door, the £1 note being placed under a tin on the step.

Once again, however, both the note and the message were taken—and both were found under the honeysuckle. The culprit proved to be a bluetit which regularly came to the house to be fed.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

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ROUND THE TOWNS—Alan Ivimey
discovers the old-world charm of . . .

GUILDFORD

I ALWAYS think of Guildford as being the gate to Wessex. You come swinging along the road from London, and then, after 28 miles, comes that long, handsome High Street going downhill to the crossing of the River Wey. Then you are climbing up on to the Hog's Back, and are well on the way to Winchester.

There is a by-pass to divert the heavy traffic on the Portsmouth road clear of the town. If you take this you miss the High Street altogether and see only the new Guildford—spreading housing estates, pleasant park (about a sixth of the borough is open space), a big motor works where they specialise in fire engines, and the new brick cathedral which still awaits completion.

But if you want to see a High Street where the history of your land beats like a pulse in the mind

To the south runs a much older road than the High Street, a British trackway probably used for carrying tin from the Cornish mines to the east coast for shipment to the Continent. It was used in the Middle Ages by pious folk travelling to shrines at Canterbury and Winchester and so is called Pilgrims' Way.

I HAD a look at a map in the municipal offices. It was drawn about 200 years ago and shows the shape of the old town. It looked rather like a belt buckle with the High Street running down the middle, and parallel streets north and south.

North Street, one of the two parallel streets I saw on the old map, was once called Lower Back Side. It always was and still is used as a street market. High Street used to be a market too in the days when vehicles were less

—and the king often stayed here.

He had his wine cellar in the caves below the castle hill which had once been quarries for a particularly hard kind of chalk used for local building. From the top of the castle mound you look across the river to the Hog's Back, while to the right is modern Guildford with the new cathedral on the skyline.

Guildford nowadays has a population of nearly 50,000, and a considerable proportion goes to London every day to work. The journey by electric train takes about three-quarters of an hour. Still the old town keeps its atmosphere of a country market town with its own life, and it is still one of the chief cattle markets in the south.

I found quite a different kind of local enterprise at Guildford House, in the High Street. It is run by the Chief Librarian and is devoted to arranging concerts and lectures on music, and exhibitions of pictures. The town also runs a good municipal orchestra and gives concerts in one of the local cinemas. Despite the nearness of London there is a flourishing concert-goers' society.

JUST across the road is the Royal Grammar School. It has a striking gabled front, right on the street, and is built of greensand blocks and roofed with big slabs of Horsham stone. You enter under an archway into a little quadrangle, and there, in front, is the original schoolroom where a much smaller number of pupils than the school has nowadays used to be taught in two groups, one round the Head and the other round the Usher.

This room is being turned into a school library, but the panels on which generations of Guildford boys have either carved their names or hired a professional to do it for them, are still preserved. So are the headmaster's and ushers' seats.

The school had already existed for half a century when the buildings we see were begun, in 1557, shortly after a grant and charter had been obtained from Edward VI. This school is a perfect illustration of what most old schools were like, and the boys may well be proud of it.

One of its famous old boys



Over the High Street is the famous clock, dated 1633

was the Bishop of Norwich in Elizabeth's reign. He was a great collector of books which he commissioned merchants to buy for him at Continental book fairs. He left his library of Latin books to the school, and a special room, now the headmaster's, was set aside for them. Of course, they were chained to the shelves, for books were precious and expensive in

and gowns of Tudor cut such as used to be made in the town in the days when it was renowned far and wide for its Guildford "blue" cloth.

The Guildhall, with the Quarter Sessions Court and some very fine corporation regalia, is certainly one of the best-known antiquities in the whole country to American visitors. It overhangs the High



An art exhibition for Guildford schools

those days. The chained library is now housed in the adjoining room, and it was there that I was allowed to hold in my hand a book printed by Wynkyn de Worde, one of Caxton's pupils.

In the same room I noticed two curious wooden clubs with curved ends. These were models of the kind of cricket bat used in the bishop's days. What is believed to be the earliest known reference to the game occurs in the record of a local lawsuit in which one of the witnesses remembered playing this game when he was "a scholar in the free school of Guildford" about the year 1550.

The Grammar School possesses better and larger playing fields now and greatly enlarged premises, but it remains what it has always been, an essential part of the town; and standing just where it should, right on the High Street.

THAT High Street is almost the history of England in one lesson. Besides the school and the parish church and two fine old inns there is Abbot's Hospital, with its noble tower of brick, and it was founded in 1619 by George Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury, for 12 "brothers" and eight "sisters" over 60 years of age (few folk lived to that age then), and natives of Guildford. The "brothers" still wear the caps

Street with a dignified balcony and the big clock reaching out on its great bracket over the heads of the traffic.

I TOOK a walk by the river, of course, past the town mill, now used as a waterworks, and up a steep lane where houses lean so close as almost to touch. It has various names, one of them being Porridge Pot Lane. It leads up to Quarry Street, the old road past the castle gate, and on to Horsham.

Inside this gate a road bearing round to the right takes you to the house where the sisters of Lewis Carroll, author of Alice in Wonderland, formerly lived. It was here that the famous author used to stay, and here that he died in 1898. On the wall of the house is an enamelled plaque, the gift of the children of Guildford, bearing figures of many of the characters in the pages of Alice.

Back towards the High Street is the church of St. Mary, in the oldest part of the town. Its nearness to the castle ensured it being associated with many famous people, and among those who have worshipped here are Thomas Becket, Simon de Montfort, and Stephen Langton.

GUILDFORD is very easy to get to from London; but I confess I found it very hard to leave.



Brothers and Sisters of the ancient Abbot's Hospital

of anyone who cares for such things, do not be diverted; drive straight on at the traffic roundabout.

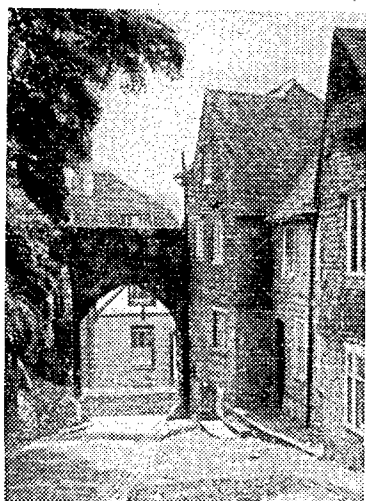
And when you have reached the river at the bottom of the long hill, past the jolly red-faced shops and the inns, stop and look back up the hill. Overhanging the roadway you see a white lion, old inn-sign of an old England, a cheerful great clock-face with the sun shining on its gilt figures and hands, and, above all, the red square church tower flying the cross of St. George.

numerous. But seeing the High Street now makes it hard to imagine the old, leisurely way of doing things, with pigs and chickens being sold in the middle of the roadway.

THEY were hard at work repairing the grey stone keep when I reached the castle. It stands south of the limits of the old town, for it was necessary for the garrison to have a clear field of fire. Guildford Castle was one of the ring of medieval fortresses round London—as Windsor and Rochester were



The Royal Grammar School



Castle Gate



Lewis Carroll's house

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LONG TO REIGN OVER US

DECEMBER 9 is to be a day of prayer and thanksgiving to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the King's Accession (December 11) and his 56th birthday (December 14). But it will be more than that, for we shall all gladly adopt the suggestion made by the leaders of the Churches and give additional thanks for His Majesty's restoration to health.

The King's recovery has indeed rejoiced the hearts of the millions who dwell under or in association with the British flag. The Crown is the chief link in the chain of Commonwealth relations, and the link has been further strengthened by the sterling qualities of King George VI.

His courage and his unswerving devotion to duty have inspired in the British peoples a deep loyalty and affection for the Crown. That loyalty and affection towards the Crown was manifest in the vehement welcome given to the King's daughter and her husband in Canada.

The Royal Family occupy a special place in all our hearts. The King and Queen, with their daughters and grandchildren round them, represent an ideal of devoted and happy family life which mankind everywhere esteems, while their tireless service for their people sets an example to all.

The Editor's Table

Where was Magna Carta sealed?

THE ornamental Magna Carta signboard at Wraysbury, Buckinghamshire, of which the CN wrote two weeks ago, has aroused an old controversy.

Did King John reluctantly agree to the Great Charter on the small island in the Thames, which is in the Bucks. parish of Wraysbury, or in the meadows called Runnymede on the south side of the river, in the Surrey district of Egham?

The Charter itself, in its last phrase, states: "*Data per manum nostram in prato quod vocatur Runnymede inter Windleshoram et Stanes.*" (Given by our hand in the meadow which is called Runnymede between Windsor and Staines.)

This would seem conclusive evidence for the Surrey side. Nevertheless, there is a strong local tradition that it was on "Magna Carta" Island that the sealing took place.

In this controversy, which side people are on would seem to depend on which side of the river they live.

COMPLETE CYCLIST

IF you are not allowed to have a motor-bike, the next best thing is to have a really smashing push-bike. At least, that was the conclusion of a lad named Leslie Kent, who lives at Melbourne, in Australia.

His mother said he could not have a motor-cycle, but could spend as much as he liked on a bicycle. But she and everyone else must have gasped when Leslie arrived home; for on his cycle were 40 mascots, two bells, four mirrors, eight reflectors, 27 lights, five dynamos, seven batteries, seven pennants, two toolbags, four traffic indicators, an electric speedometer, and a gadget to enable the cyclist to steer with one hand!

A push-bike with a vengeance—there can hardly be room for the rider!

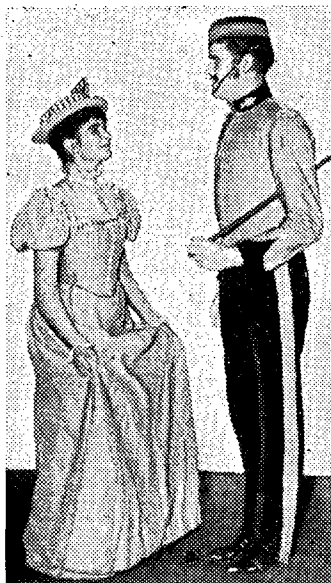
PARA-SANTA

FATHER CHRISTMAS, keeping up with the times, will this year come down by parachute. He is to make his appearance in this dramatic but untraditional manner among children outside a hotel in Switzerland.

A recent advertisement in the Times read: "Daring parachutist required for private confidential mission in December. Experience essential in night drops, small target area." And he is required, we are told, for the role of Santa Claus.

Manipulating a parachute with a sackful of presents over your shoulder must be quite a task. Para-Santa must be genuinely pleased that Christmas comes but once a year!

As in the 1890s



These students of the Central School of Arts and Crafts are taking part in the Festival of Costume, a feature of the present Exhibition of London Education at County Hall.

Wait for it!

BECAUSE children will stand so long engine-spotting, a Society for Exhausted Young Mothers has been formed at West Wickham, Kent. The purpose of the society is to petition for seats on two local bridges—a commendable aim.

Perhaps we shall soon be hearing of a Society for Exhausted Young Children, whose mothers will stand for so long bargain-spotting in shop windows.

THE FISHERMAN'S LIGHT

The air is still, the night is dark,
No ripple breaks the dusky tide;
From isle to isle the fisher's bark,
Like fairy meteor, seems to glide,
Now lost in shade, now flashing bright;
On sleeping wave and forest tree,
We hail with joy the ruddy light,
Which far into the darksome night
Shines red and cheerily.

Susanna Moodie (1803-1885)

How do you say Australia?

How should "Australia" be pronounced? Well, if you want to avoid offending Australians, you must pronounce it as though it were spelt Ostralia, with an accent on the second syllable.

Two New South Wales girls now in Britain have written back home commenting upon the fact that English people usually make the word sound like Awstralia. But the Scots people, they say, pronounce Australia correctly.

WAKEFUL TORTOISE

MOST of us are familiar with the wakeful junior who postpones going to sleep and annoys the rest of the family at 10.30 p.m. by calling out for a glass of water.

Less familiar is the wakeful tortoise, but many tortoise-owners have been worried recently about their pets' reluctance to drop off.

The explanation is that in the tortoises' North African home the distinction between summer and winter is very pronounced; but in England this year the tortoises have been able to detect little difference, and although they have stopped eating, still continue to move about.

The best way to send Tommy Tortoise to the Land of Nod is to put him in a covered but ventilated box, surrounded with hay or straw.

Thirty years ago

LONDON has dismissed the last of its fire horses from their faithful service. The motor has completely triumphed, and Nora and Lucy, the two splendid mares whose flying hoofs daily beat out on the ringing roads the song of animal speed and strength, having outlasted all the 300 of their kindred, retire from the force and leave the route to the motors.

From the CN, December 3, 1921

JUST AN IDEA

As the old proverb has it: The firmest friends ask the fewest favours.

THINGS SAID

CHILDREN know just the kind of grown-ups they want to see on the screen. Their ideal father is six feet tall, handsome, under thirty, and good at everything. And Mum has to be young and pretty, but, not glamorous or soppy-looking.

Mary Field, head of the Children's Films Foundation

I HAVE never found a single soul who has the slightest misgivings that he can edit a newspaper far better than anyone who has given his lifetime to the job.

Lord Burnham

I BUY Christmas presents all the year round and store them. When I'm on tour with a show, I browse round the antique shops until I find something I know a friend would like.

Terence Rattigan, the playwright

STUDY for exams is suffering because of too many social activities—cinemas, theatres, and youth clubs.

A headmistress

IN THE COUNTRY

WHEN a pale December sun shines through a layer of thin wispy cloud, and a faint yellow light lies over the bleak countryside, a walk down the old lane and across the fields soon reveals the fact that winter is not a "dead" season.

To the country-lover, December brings its own special rewards. There is the sight of new-ploughed land; there are the wild birds, many of them interesting immigrants; there are the naked trees now beautified with moss and lichen.

Among the grey hues and neutral tints of the wayside the furze keeps little golden lamps alight. Even in December we may agree that there is no way-side shrub to whose flowers the term golden more aptly applies, for the furze is the bush—

Which offers to the waning year, The tribute of its golden bloom.

Pleasant, indeed, when we see these bright lamps hung among the dark green prickly boughs, giving radiance to the grey background of rusty ferns and withered grasses, and to the black hawthorns and briars on whose trailers crumpled remnants of summer's drapery flutter in the wind.

Under the Editor's Table



PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
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If orators have
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It is marvellous what you can get used to. You even get used to getting used to things.

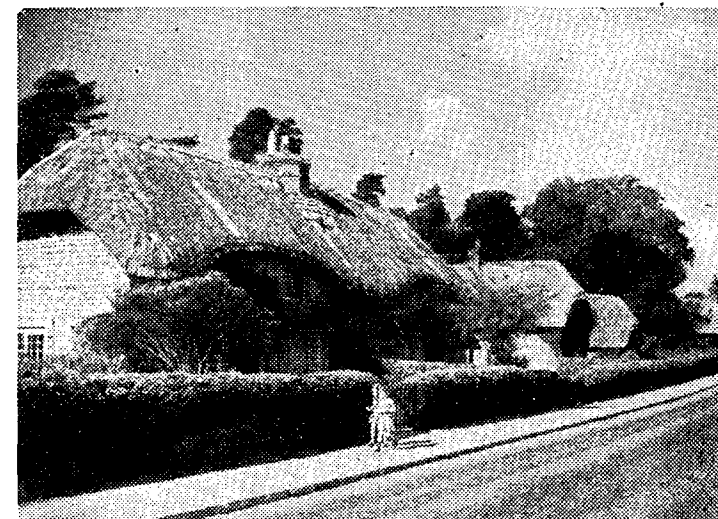
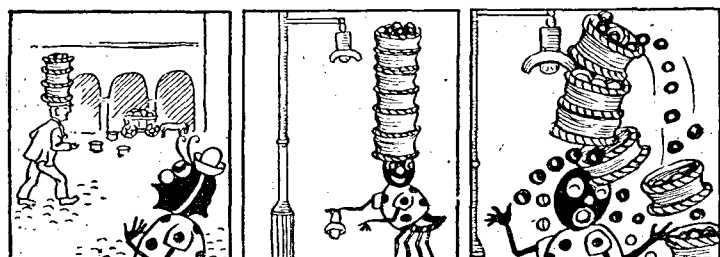
Some books lack distinction. Even then they are distinctly dull.

A famous composer has forgotten how many songs he has written. At least several scores.

A certain science mistress is said to be in a class by herself. Presumably hasn't any pupils.

Bicycles for export are designed to suit the strangest needs. But chiefly the need for a bicycle.

BILLY BEETLE



OUR HOMELAND

Thatched roofs in the village of Sandy Lahe, Wiltshire

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YOUNG SEA ROVERS OF ATHERSTONE

There was great excitement the other day in a certain house in the Warwickshire town of Atherstone, and the cause of it all was the C.N. article: Youth Aboard the John Biscoe.

"When Charles, my youngest boy, read this heading," writes our correspondent, "his hands trembled as he pushed the paper in front of his mother, exclaiming: 'The John Biscoe's in the C.N!'"

"Yes, Charles was excited. You see, the David Simmons referred to in the article is his brother."

Mr. Simmons, father of the boys, goes on to tell us that 36 hours before David was interviewed for the post in the John Biscoe he was at home in the Midlands, preparing to go to work, not dreaming of the Far South, but feeling very disappointed because there had been no reply to his application to emigrate to Australia. Then something seemed to snap in his adventurous brain. He left the house, apologised to his employer for not being able to come to work that day, and went off to Southampton.

"He wanted adventure," his father says, "and as he stood on the dockside, it was staring him in the face—the John Biscoe, whose captain was then in need of a steward!"

"Yes, adventure is in David's blood, and also in that of his twin brother, John. They are half-Viking—their mother belongs to the Shetland Isles. While David's previous adventures have been yacht-racing in Scotland, and a trip on a trawler to the fishing grounds off Norway and Iceland, John's adventure, when he was only 18, was aboard the cruiser H.M.S. London, during her action on the Yangtse River in April 1949, when she attempted to rescue the frigate Amethyst.

"John is now with the Home Fleet in Gibraltar. He has sailed east and west, while David has sailed north and is now sailing south."

The C.N. wishes them luck wherever they may sail; and young Charles, too, when his turn comes along.

Note-worthy



Fourteen-year-old Myrna Lambden, of Feltham, Middlesex, was one of the youngest players in the International Accordion Festival at the Royal Festival Hall.

ARCHAEOLOGY IN SCHOOL CERT.

Sixth-Form grammar school boys and girls who have taken part in excavations or have done research work in museums are next year to be allowed to take Archaeology as a School Certificate subject.

The Cambridge University Local Examinations Syndicate has prepared a specimen written paper for the guidance of schools. Among the questions are:

How has air photography helped archaeology?

What do you know about upper palaeolithic cave art?

Give a brief account of the first farmers in Britain.

How far has archaeology changed our picture of the Ancient Britons whom Caesar described as "woad-painted savages"?

How can the existence of trade routes in prehistoric times be demonstrated?

One-third of the total marks will be allotted to an oral examination which will be conducted in the candidates' schools.

FISH OUT OF MUD

The African lung-fish at Belle Vue Zoo, Manchester, has been released from its bed of caked mud in the warm reptile house, where it has been hibernating since April last.

The Zoo superintendent carefully chipped away the hard mud until he came to an envelope, or sac, inside which the fish lay. This protective envelope is formed by the fish's mucus and prevents it from completely drying up.

When the envelope was reached the fish gave a cough. This was a sign that its air bladder was beginning to operate again.

The lung-fish was then placed in a small quantity of water, where the envelope quickly peeled off. The fish gasped, breathing in some more air. Some more water was gently added to the tank, and, later, it was transferred to a tank with a gravel bed.

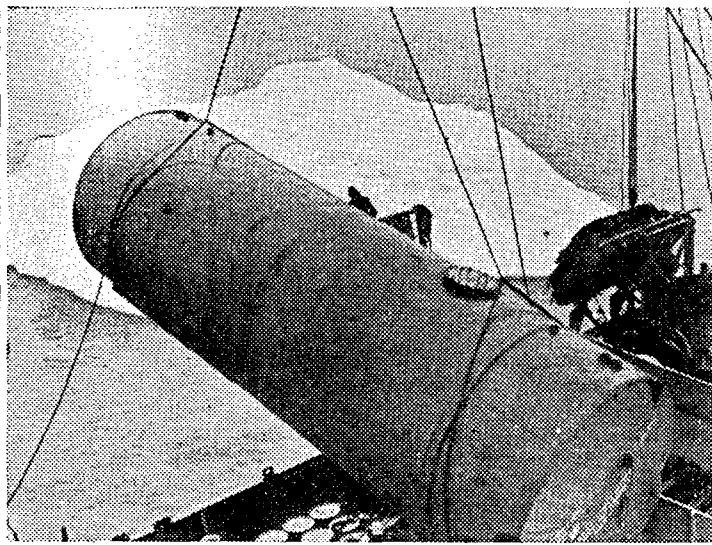
DOUBLE-BREATHERS

A survivor from the Palaeozoic Age, and having the same ancestry as the Amphibians, this remarkable fish possesses not only gills but also an air-bladder which is rather like our own lung—hence its popular name. This species and its cousins in Australia and South America belong to the subclass named dipnoi, meaning "double-breathers," because it uses one of its two breathing organs according to its needs.

Normally it inhabits swamps and marshes, rising to breathe the atmospheric air at frequent intervals.

When the swamp dries up, the fish curls up and sleeps at the bottom of a burrow, having plugged the entrance with a lump of mud, in which it leaves one or two small openings for the admission of air.

The longest period of hibernation for a lung-fish in captivity is just over four years.



Fuel for the Far North

"Met." men who operate the six weather stations in the Arctic Circle get their fuel in bulk. Here one of the huge tanks is being landed on Cornwallis Island, off the coast of Greenland, whence supplies are distributed by aircraft to the other stations.

NEW PLAN FOR CITY CHURCHES

It is proposed that the City of London's churches should become "Guild" churches, instead of parish churches, and a Bill to establish their new character is to go before Parliament.

These churches were built when all classes of society lived within the City and attended their parish church. But few people dwell in the City today, and the millions who work there go home to distant suburbs in the evening and do not as a rule come to the City on Sundays.

The City churches, however, can still minister to the workers on weekdays, particularly in the lunch hour. Many City folk like to turn aside from the bustle of street and office to spend a few minutes of quiet prayer and reflection in these beautiful old churches.

Many in fact become attached to a church in much the same way as medieval Londoners were attached to their particular craft guild.

The craft guilds were very im-

portant bodies in old London, and indeed in all mercantile cities in the past. They were associations of craftsmen who belonged to the same trade. A guild would consist of masters, journeymen—those who worked for wages—and apprentices.

Each separate guild made all the rules necessary for carrying on its trade, thereby ensuring a high standard of workmanship, and protecting the interests of all engaged in the "mystery," as they called their craft.

The guilds had considerable power in the City, and even became a kind of police, punishing their members who misbehaved. Each guild, too, had its patron saint—that of the grocers, for instance, being St. Anthony, and of the saddlers, St. Martin. The famous City Livery Companies, which superseded the guilds, often became attached to a particular church, and several still are.

It will be the purpose of the proposed Act to strengthen and develop this ancient tradition.

KEEPING FIT IN WINTER

6. Clothing

Perspiration is one of the body's ways of eliminating waste.

If you are fit, you will perspire freely after physical activity, and some of the perspiration will be absorbed by your clothes. For this reason—apart from external dirt and dust picked up—frequent changes of clothes are necessary.

You should never sleep in the clothes you wear during the day.

Loose clothes will keep you warmer than tight clothes. Too many layers of clothing will prevent the pores of your body from "breathing" properly.

If you are caught in the rain, change instantly you get home. Pay particular attention to your feet; you must keep them dry. Carry a spare pair of socks and a piece of rough towelling if you are going to play in the park or school playing fields.

V. S.

Next week: Baths and hygiene

FINE CAREERS IN THE RETAIL TRADE

Opportunities in these days for young people who wish to be shop assistants were described recently by Sir Richard Burbidge, the Chairman of Harrods, the big London department store.

He was speaking at the L.C.C. College for the Distributive Trades, where boys and girls can go for full-time instruction when they leave school, and young people over 17 can attend evening classes.

"Retailing is still a career open to the talents," declared Sir Richard. "There are plenty of good jobs, and they will go to the men and women who are well-prepared for them."

He went on to deal with one of those good jobs, that of the "buyer"—the person responsible for buying the goods that the shop is to sell to the public.

GLAMOROUS WORLD

"Buyers," he said, "move in the glamorous world of Fashion, visiting Paris for the big collections, discussing fashion trends with the reporters . . . and having great influence on what 'people' will wear next season. It is not unusual for a top-rank buyer to earn £1500 to £2000.

"The world of retailing opens possibilities of advancement to those of the right calibre who are prepared to fit themselves for promotion. I am sure it is not generally realised that the proportion of managers and buyers to total staff is greater in retailing than in other occupations, and that the recruit to retailing therefore stands a better chance of realising his ultimate ambition than he would in other walks of life."

Sir Richard pointed out, too, that retailing as a career demands a natural interest in people—a "social instinct."

Many recruits to it will seek to win the new National Retail Distribution Certificate, courses for which are held at over 50 colleges throughout the country, as well as at the L.C.C. college.

MATCHSTICK MODELLER

Pipe-smokers are discouraged in the Kent village of Rolvenden—they use too much of the match in lighting a pipe, and would thus make it difficult for Mr. George Blackman to indulge in his favourite hobby.

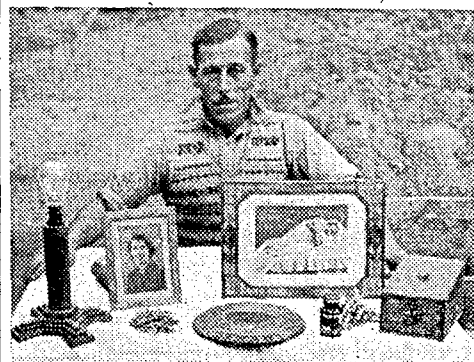
Matchsticks have always fascinated Mr. Blackman; probably because all day long he handles timber in a builder's yard. He

used to make ships out of matchsticks. Then, about two years ago, it occurred to him that he might make useful household articles with them.

So, with a pile of matchsticks collected from friends, plus a sharp knife and a safety razor blade, he set to work and made an electric table lamp. He used about 12,000 matchsticks, each of which had to be glued together separately.

That lamp was a great success, and Mr. Blackman has since made about 50 more, as well as breadboards, table-mats, cheese-dishes, and picture-frames—all from matchsticks.

It is, of course, a hobby requiring a great degree of patience as well as considerable skill.



EVER-POPULAR GANG SHOW

Once again the Boy Scouts' Gang Show has opened at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, London. It will run until December 15 and it has proved to be an even greater success than last year, when it was revived for the first time since 1938.

First produced in 1929 as a Troop Show in Holborn, the Gang Show has become the great event in Boy Scout entertainment, and its originator, Ralph Reader (now a theatrical producer and radio star) still gives his services.

It is a real "gang" show, for every one of its performers and helpers is a Scout or Scouter. They receive no payment for their services and pay all their own expenses, even to the provision of a fleet of Scouters' cars for returning performers to their homes in all parts of London and its suburbs after each performance.

All proceeds are devoted to the cause of Scouting throughout the world.

Such is the popularity of the show that this year the producers have had to return more than £12,500 to disappointed applicants for tickets; but many will still have a chance to see it, for it is to be televised on December 4.

COASTERS GET NEW NAMES

The Kelly coasters of Belfast, so familiar a sight to every ship-watcher round the shores of the British Isles, are changing their names. The 27 seagoing ships of the fleet, which have so far borne the names of places in Ireland, have all been given names beginning with Bally; indeed, the list seems to cover every possible combination except Ballyhoo!

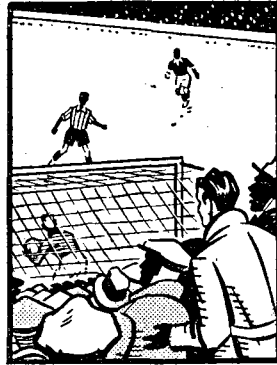
These little coasters, principally employed to carry coal, have funnels ringed with red, white, and blue and bearing a K on the white band.

They do fine service, and had a particularly fine war record.

Steps to Sporting Fame



The 1951-52 soccer season has produced a new England goalkeeper in Gilbert Merrick, of Birmingham City. Born at Sparkhill, Gilbert will be 29 in January.



As a boy, he watched and admired another Birmingham and England goalkeeper, Harry Hibbs, on whom he modelled his style. School-days over, Gil became a sheet metal worker. He served in the Army as P.T. instructor.

Gilbert Merrick



Gil is enthusiastic about keeping fit; his services are in regular demand as a games master in the busy Midlands city. He first began to win renown as a goalkeeper while in khaki and "kept" for the A.P.T.C. against the F.A.



Birmingham City won promotion in 1948, largely owing to their defence, which yielded only 24 goals in 42 League matches. Merrick was chosen for the Football League five times in the next three years, and recently for England.

100-YEAR-OLD MESSAGE

The thrilling discovery of a message left in the Arctic a century ago has just been made by a Canadian scientist. The message had been left by one of the many parties searching for Sir John Franklin, who in 1845 had set out to find the North-West passage.

Mr. Peter Bremner, who made the discovery, had been to Resolute Bay for earthquake recording. Returning along the shore of Cornwall Island, he noticed an iron canister showing under a cairn. Opening it, he found another can inside and within this was a cotton bag. This bag contained a sheet of paper turning yellow, on which were these words:

Left August 4, 1851, by a party in search of the Franklin Expedition from the Felix, Capt. Sir John Ross, lying on the South Shore, Cornwallis Island, 19 miles West of Cape Hotham, with H.M.S. Lady Franklin and Sophia, Captains Penny and Stuart. H.M.S. Resolute, Assistance, Intrepid, and Pioneer are off Griffith Island. Provisions at Cape Hotham, Spence, and Whaler Point.

The scientist made a copy of this exciting document and left it under the original cairn; he took the century-old paper to Ottawa.

Sir John Ross returned to England later in 1851 and wanted to try again, but the British Government refused permission—because he was 75.

FOR SPEEDIER SHUNTING

A shunting engine which runs on separate rails alongside the track carrying the trucks has been tried in America.

The locomotive is connected with the trucks by arms, and can move two trains simultaneously, one on either side. It is claimed that, as the locomotive never gets mixed up with the trucks, shunting time is halved.

UNIVERSITY IN THE AFRICAN BUSH

Outside the great African city of Ibadan, in Western Nigeria (writes a CN correspondent travelling in Africa) a great new university is rising on the slopes of a hill which 12 months ago was bushland crowded with palms and tall grass.

From all over Nigeria the young men and women are eagerly flocking to this new institution, which is barely 12 months old, for it is the realisation of a dream—a university which will be African in its aspirations, and yet will provide the best teaching that European and African can give.

The colony of Nigeria itself is barely 50 years old, and it is engaged on the exciting task of making a name on the map into a nation. Its peoples are separated by language, tradition, and custom; but they are gradually becoming aware of their unity as Nigerians, and one of the most powerful forces working for this unity is the university.

Much of the university's work for its 300 students is still done in old army huts erected during the war. Its assembly hall is two big huts knocked into one, and its

senior staff meet in a common-room furnished with a few arm-chairs and mats.

In one of these converted huts I saw a group of students gathered to talk. One student, in the long loose coat of the Hausa, came from the city of Kano in the northern Nigeria. Another came from the Yoruba country, and on his cheeks were the tribal marks placed there when he was eight

THEIR BATTLE HONOUR

The Worcestershire Regiment's battle honour "Belle Isle," which has just been approved by the King, was gained nearly 200 years ago.

Belle Isle, off the coast of Brittany, was captured in 1761, during the Seven Years' War, by the 36th Foot, which became the Second Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment. It was occupied for two years and then exchanged for Minorca in 1763.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the formation of the 36th Foot, under a warrant of William the Third.

days old. A third came from the east, from the vigorous Ibo people; a fourth from the ancient city of Benin.

This group of young men had one big aim in common: they were all eager for their country to have self-government. They were grateful for all that Britain had done to assist Nigeria to become a nation, but they now believed that their land must move swiftly forward to independence. The building of a university was a step towards that ideal.

The tall white buildings rise among the green African palms. Little English-looking gardens appear in front of the staff houses, and a school for very young children—most of them English—has been started. This university is a fine piece of British and African co-operation with white and black staff mixing in equality; they have the same rates of salary.

One of the great hopes is that the Ibadan University will draw together the separated peoples of Nigeria, and at the same time promote friendship with Britain as a permanent factor in Nigerian life.

GREENMANTLE, JOHN BUCHAN'S FAMOUS THRILLER, TOLD IN PICTURES (Final instalment)



Stumm with his gun had the little party on the knoll at his mercy, for they were surrounded. They laughed at the irony of their fate. Greenmantle and von Einem were dead, their mission was accomplished, but they were to die here, their end unknown to their friends. Stumm was in no hurry to destroy them, he wanted to enjoy his revenge. He sent only a few shells near them. Blenkiron played patience.



Wistfully they wondered whether Peter had got through to the Russians with the precious map, revealing the secrets of the Erzerum defences. Then they heard guns all round the horizon and, peeping over a rock, Dick saw flames leaping from Erzerum. The Russians had got through! The riflemen surrounding them fled, and they themselves ran down the knoll and saw Turks pursued by Cossacks.



They saw Stumm with his gun on the road still firing at the knoll, but a horde of defeated Turks was pouring along the road towards him. To try and stop them he swung his gun round. Before he could fire the mob was upon him, and the gun was swept aside. He drew his revolver but they knocked him down. Dick and the others saw rifle butts crash on Stumm's head and shoulders, and the crowd sweep over his body.



A party of Cossacks rode up, and with them was Peter. He wanted to take them to Russian Headquarters for breakfast. But Sandy replied: "Look after Blenkiron and these fellows of mine. I'm going to ride knee by knee with your sportsmen to the city." He and Dick borrowed horses from the Cossacks and galloped with them to Erzerum, glorying in the grand triumph in which their perilous enterprise had ended.

A picture-version of the incredible adventures of Sinbad the Sailor begins on this page next week



The Silver Gentleman Again

by GEOFFREY TREASE

The story so far

Sarah Seatallan has run away from her guardian, Lord Lydeard, whom she suspects of causing her brother's mysterious disappearance abroad. Helped by Martin Sherwood and his adventurous friend, the Silver Gentleman, she has reached Paris. To escape from Lydeard's men, Martin dives into the River Seine.

False trails

It was a clean dive, and straight. It was as though he had stabbed the dark, scaly hide of the midnight river. He came to the surface well out in midstream, and trod water for a few moments, listening intently.

Voices rustled anxiously on the bank he had just left. So he had been right! They could speak, those suspicious shadows he had thought were flitting after him. His escape from the cellar had been deliberately planned, so that Lydeard's men could trail him and discover Sarah's hiding-place.

The plunge into cool water had helped to clear his head after the knock it had received. He quickly summed up the situation.

The cellar from which he had just escaped lay near the Cathedral of Notre Dame, on the island formed by the two arms of the Seine. The rest of Paris stretched to north and south of the island. His own inn lay in the southern part, the Latin Quarter, as it was called, because it had grown up round the University.

Only two bridges spanned the Seine. There was the Pont Notre Dame, lined with houses like London Bridge, and the unfinished Pont Neuf. At this hour of the night his pursuers would be unlikely to find a boatman. They would have to run round by the bridge, and, while they were doing that, it would be easy to swim across and vanish into the warren of twisting narrow lanes on the other side.

MARTIN hesitated no longer. With a steady, unflurried stroke he made for the opposite bank. There was no sign from behind that he could be either seen or heard, and, unless they swam after him, he had little to fear. They would not be likely to shoot, for clearly they had orders to follow him. If Lydeard had wanted him killed, he would never have let him escape in the first place.

He reached the far bank and dragged himself out. His one concern now was to get back to his inn without unnecessary delay. These winding streets were confusing in the darkness. The lofty gabled houses bulged out until

they almost met overhead, shutting out what pale light there was from the sky. It was neither the time nor the place for honest men to be out walking, and it was no comfort to realise that Lydeard's men had taken even the dagger from his belt.

To run was almost impossible. The ground was too uneven, and it was strewn with rubbish thrown out of the houses. All he could do was to stride along as fast as possible, swinging his arms to keep warm.

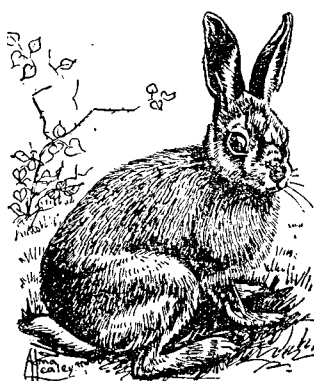
He judged that he must be getting near his inn. Then suddenly, on turning a corner, he ran into an unpleasant surprise.

"HALT!" cried a voice. Lanterns gleamed on the pike-points levelled at his chest. His mind being still full of Lord Lydeard, he thought for a moment that he had run into a band of his followers, and he stopped short, ready to flee. Before he could start doing anything foolish, he realised that he was dealing with the watch on their lawful patrol of the streets.

An idea came to him in the nick of time. He grinned cheerfully in the beams of the lantern held up to his face.

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The doe has about five young at a time, and they are born furry and open-eyed. She soon disperses them to separate forms, going regularly to each one to feed it.

"I'm English," he said. "A student of the University." He knew that Paris was full of foreign students.

"You have been in the river, monsieur?" said a suspicious voice.

Martin forced a laugh. "Just a joke," he said lightly. "Between friends."

"A joke!"

"All students are mad," chuckled another member of the watch. "So are all Englishmen. So, with an English student, it goes without saying! Hurry home, monsieur, before you catch a cold. At least you will not complain tomorrow if your lectures are dry!"

They let him pass, and he regained the inn without any further adventures. As he stole quietly into the bedchamber he shared with the Silver Gentleman, his friend stirred in the darkness and sat up.

"Martin?"

"Yes. All's well."

"Where on earth have you been? Sarah was frantic with worry. We want to make an early start, as soon as the city gates open—and here you go, staying out until all hours."

"I was—delayed," said Martin grimly, wriggling out of his wet clothes. He told his story.

"Our friend Lydeard seems a determined fellow."

"There is a good deal at stake. If he can get hold of Sarah again, and use her inheritance for his own purposes—"

"If it is her inheritance," interrupted the Silver Gentleman with a low laugh. "But if her brother can be found alive, Lydeard's scheme comes to nothing. We got news tonight, my boy, from the English Ambassador."

"NEWS? Of this tutor?"

"Master Hawthorne, yes. He has turned up in Grenoble."

"Here in France!"

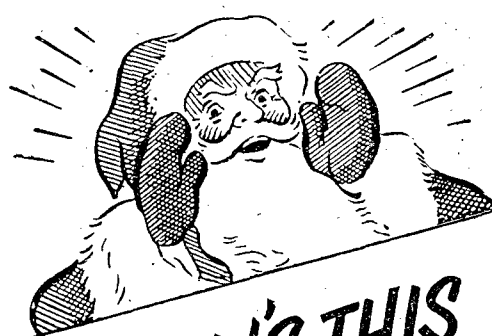
"Yes, though near the frontier of Savoy. Three or four hundred miles from here. We can be there within the week if we ride hard—and if we are lucky with changing horses, and the state of the roads. Hawthorne can tell us the truth about young Philip. I think he will," added the Silver Gentleman grimly.

Martin slid thankfully between the sheets. "Lord Lydeard will be scouring Paris for me in the morning. If he can muster enough men, surely he'll have the gates watched?"

"We must risk that. Lydeard can hardly know that we got the clue, last night, that we had been waiting for—or that we are off to Grenoble. He cannot be waiting at every gate of Paris with a cavalcade of his own, packed and ready for the road! Even if his spies see us go, we shall have the start of him. And now we had both better get some sleep, because we are going to need it."

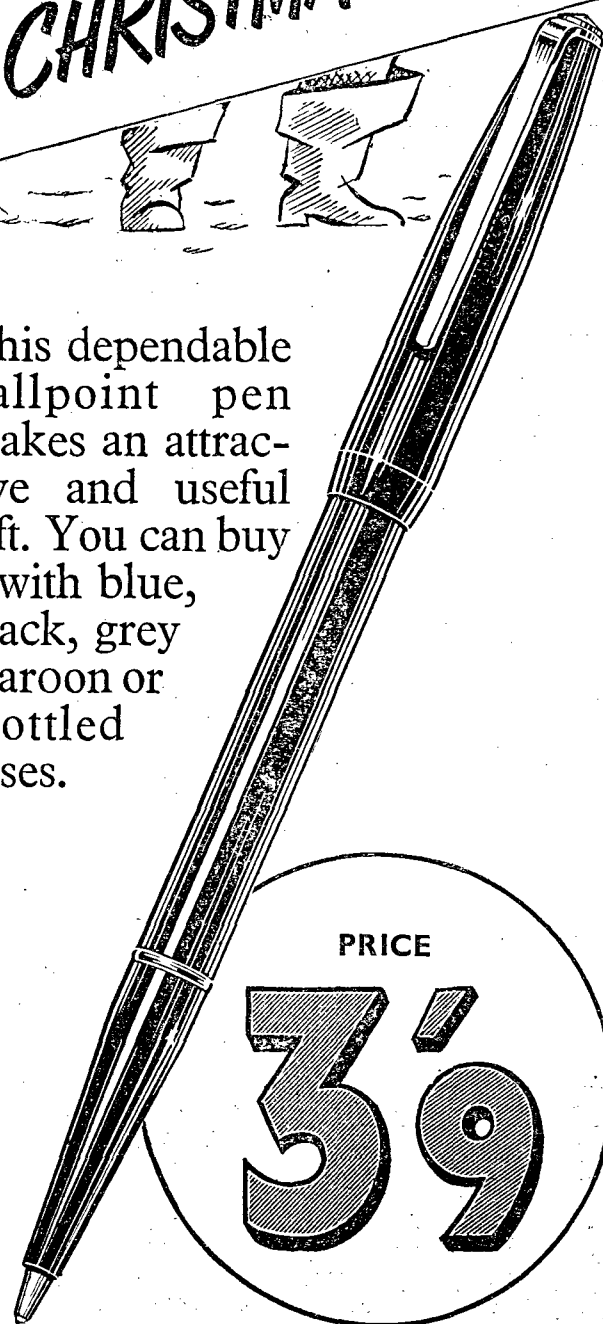
MARTIN could have done with twice as much as there was time for. Two or three hours later the Silver Gentleman was rousing him, they were snatching a hurried breakfast of bread and wine as they stood, cloaked and booted for the road, and then—as dawn stole

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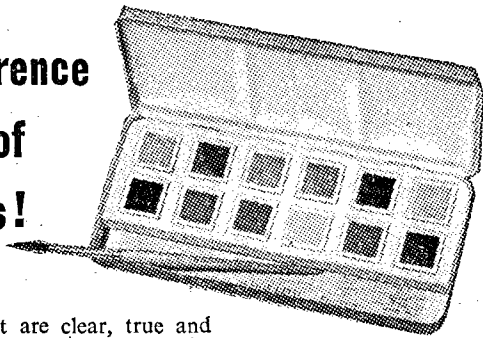


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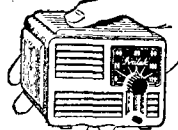
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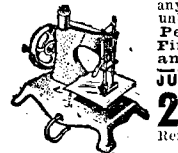
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These are among the facts in a report on fish issued by the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organisation.

Of an estimated 25 million tons of fish yielded annually by the world's seas and rivers, the largest proportion—nearly a quarter—consists of the herring and similar species. Running the herring close is the group of fish caught in fresh or brackish water.

Asia (excluding the U.S.S.R.) is the world's largest fish-producing area with 48 per cent of the total. Europe follows with 24 per cent, and the Americas 17 per cent.

Future fish prospects are good. Many countries are increasing the number of mechanised boats in their fishing fleets. Vast untapped fishery resources will be exploited as better methods are extended to the world's under-developed areas.

NEW CHURCH FOR A NORFOLK TOWN

The little Norfolk town of Wymondham, famous for its 17th-century Market Cross, is to have a new church which is likely to become a place of pilgrimage.

The church is to be a memorial to people of all creeds and nationalities who died in Japanese hands during the war. The idea was conceived by the Revd. Malcolm Cowin, the Roman Catholic parish priest, who himself was in captivity in the Far East for over three years. Among the 1200 subscriptions already received are many from people who do not belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

The church is being built in the Presbytery garden and will replace the present Roman Catholic church, which was once a stable.

A Book of Remembrance is to be placed in the Lady Chapel. More than 6000 names have already been received, but those of thousands of Dutch folk and others have yet to be found. The Imperial War Graves Commission are helping to make the list more complete.

This Week's Competition offers

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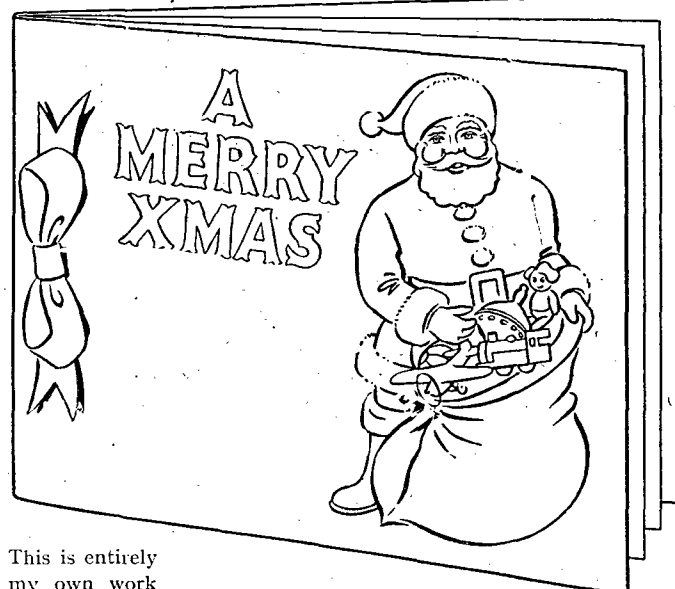
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JANET MORGAN will attempt to complete a hat trick of victories in the Women's Squash Championships which begin in London on Monday. She has been victorious for the past two years. One interesting player competing is 22-year-old Marion Barry of Durban, South Africa, who plays barefooted!

THE sum of £30,000 is needed to equip and transport by air the 200 British competitors in the Olympic Games at Helsinki next July. A nation-wide appeal for funds has been launched.

ROBIN PINNINGTON, who shares the English native 100 yards record, acted as a starter in the match between Oxford and Cambridge Freshmen. He now thinks that holding the gun is more nerve-racking than waiting for the report.

HANIF MOHAMMED is a 16-year-old Pakistan schoolboy, but he has played in an unofficial Test match against the M.C.C. tourists. In a match at Lahore, Hanif kept wicket brilliantly, and then opened his side's innings, scoring 26 in a first-wicket stand of 96 runs.

FROM youth to years. One of the most popular members of the Petone cricket club, at Wellington, New Zealand, is 73-year-old John Barber. This is his 57th season with the Petone club, but he is still scoring runs—57, incidentally, as the opening innings of his 57th season.

To Britain's list of promising girl divers must be added the name of 15-year-old Judy Priscott,

a pupil at Hitchin Grammar School. She took up diving four years ago. Training hard under the coaching of Johnny Riasch, Judy made great progress last summer and won the junior championship of the Isander Ladies' Diving Club, and the junior inter-County title.

MR. H. C. OSBORNE recently won the senior cup of the Bearsted (Kent) Golf Club. Not to be outdone, his 14-year-old son Trevor took the junior trophy—with the same net score as his father, 66!

IT costs over £1200 to send a British squash rackets team to America for the annual Wolfe-Noel Cup tournament, and our women players have collected nearly the whole amount themselves—through sales, entertainments, and exhibition matches by Miss Janet Morgan, who won the American squash rackets championship two years ago. These enthusiastic young women certainly deserve to bring back the Wolfe-Noel Trophy next January.

ALLAN FORD, a schoolmaster, of Ferndale, Glamorgan, must be one of our greatest all-round sportsmen. An ex-Welsh schoolboy Rugby trial player, he represented Loughborough College at Rugby and basketball, and earned further honours as a discus-thrower.

Allan Ford also kept goal for a water polo team and did so well that he decided to become a soccer goalkeeper. Now he is playing as an amateur for Workington Town, and he may this season play for Wales in the amateur international competition.

IN a recent football match, when the light was bad, a new ball was called for and one of a lemon shade was sent on. This is the third colour to be tried in first-class matches—orange, white, and lemon. The players' verdict seems to be for the white.

The Silver Gentleman Again

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up behind the gables and steeples of Paris—they were riding through the gate along the Orleans road.

"But—we are not going to Orleans?" Sarah protested.

The Silver Gentleman smiled. "No, but a little false scent will do no harm. We shall strike off to the left presently, when we see a suitable by-road. It is the road for Auxerre we should be on, but why proclaim it to the world?"

So, in the quiet fresh hours of the morning, when the farms around Paris were stirring to life, they left the Orleans high road and threaded their way by lanes and cart-tracks until they found a ferry across the Seine. Soon they were on another high road, this time the right one, stretching south-easterly to Auxerre and Lyons, and to far-away Grenoble ringed by its snowy peaks. At last it was possible to quicken their pace.

For several days they travelled on through the gentle countryside of Burgundy—sometimes

beside smooth rivers, winding through rich meadows, sometimes along avenues of pale shimmery poplars, then over the low hills of Morvan and on to the vineyards of the Côte d'Or. It was a journey of long, hard days in the saddle, ending with tremendous and delicious suppers at wayside inns, and then sleep as soon as their weather-roughened faces touched the pillows.

"At least," murmured Sarah contentedly, "we seem to have thrown my guardian off the scent!"

She spoke too soon. The very next day, as they made their brief midday halt in the shade of a wood near Lyons, the Silver Gentleman started suddenly to his feet.

"Quick! Lead the horses farther into the trees! Here comes Lydeard with his pack—and he certainly seems to be in a mighty hurry."

Will Lydeard and his men see them? See next week's instalment.

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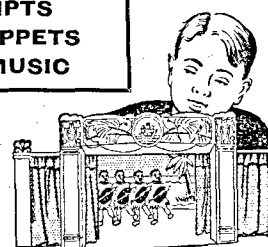
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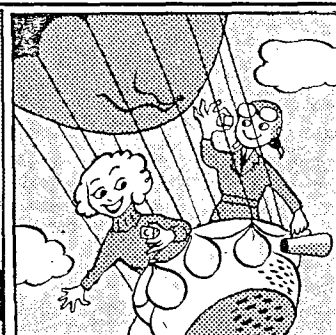
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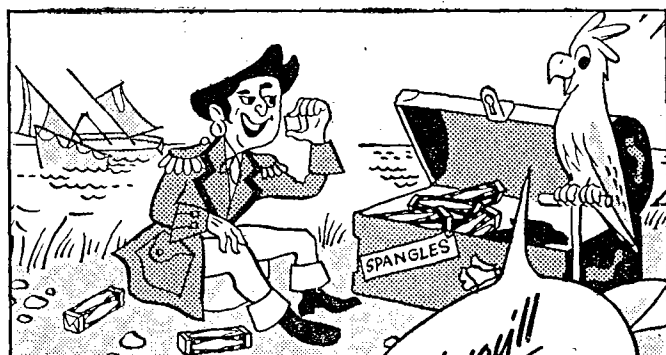
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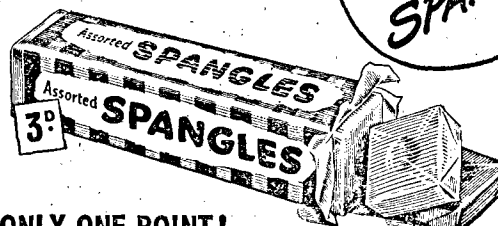


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AS INSTRUCTED

THE tennis club had a first-aid box for the use of members. By the side of the box was a book for a person removing any of the first-aid kit to make a suitable entry.

After a visit by a girl suffering from a headache the entry read: "Smelling salts—four sniffs."

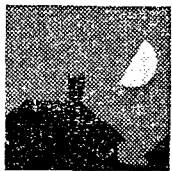
Beheading

BEHEAD a beast, and you will find A larger beast is left behind. This is wonderful, you'll say; A greater wonder I'll display. Behead this larger beast, and then Instead of one, you'll find I'm ten.

Answer next week

OTHER WORLDS.

IN the evening Jupiter is in the south. In the morning Venus, Mars, and Saturn are in the south-east. The picture shows the Moon as it may be seen at 8.30 on Thursday evening, December 6.



Royal fish

THE teacher had informed his class that the former ruler of Russia was called the Tsar, and his wife the Tsarina.

"Now," he said, "Can anyone tell me what their children were called?"

There was a pause, then a timid voice piped: "Tsardines?"

BEDTIME CORNER

Black-faced Billy

IT was Daddy's task every Saturday morning to clean out the living-room grate. But one Saturday he had to go to his office, so Billy decided he would make it his task.

When he had finished, he went into the kitchen to tell Mummy what he had done. But as he entered she burst our laughing.

"Oh, Billy," she cried. "You look like a sweep. Your hands and face are pitch-black!"

But she was very grateful when she heard what Billy had done; and her remarks had given him an idea, for the following afternoon, Jean, the girl in the house opposite, was

giving a fancy-dress birthday party, and she had sent him an invitation.

The next day, when Billy was due to leave, he presented himself for Mummy's inspection in his fancy-dress—a sweep's outfit, sooty hands and all!

"Do you think Jean's mother would allow you in the house in that state?" she demanded. "Be off with you, and wash that soot off."

So it was a rather sad Billy who went to the party—as a cricketer; but he soon cheered up as he caught a glimpse of the cakes and jellies and other wonderful things all ready on the tea-table.

PUPS IN BOOTS



Valiant Robin

OLD hedgehog is sleeping, the swallows have flown; And Robin is left in my garden alone.

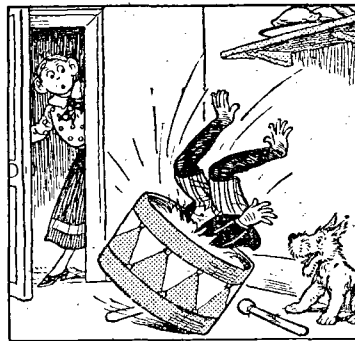
Shrill crickets are silent, the cuckoo has gone; But still in my garden, brave Robin sings on.

Though the frost is severe, he just ruffles his feathers; With challenging bright eyes, defying all weathers, While cheerfully whistling his mellow refrain, Reminding us summer will come once again.

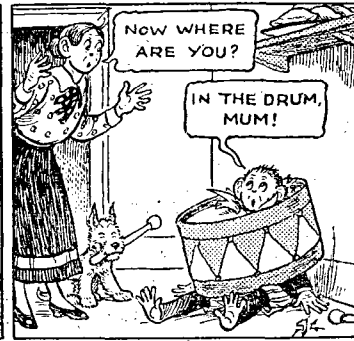
LIFE IS NEVER HUM-DRUM FOR JACKO



A drum is not only for banging, decided hungry Jacko.



For when Mother came in he had no drum—and no mince pies!



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FEELING IS BELIEVING

IT's a funny thing (said the Professor), but if you tell a boy that a light-year is 5,878,487,308,000 miles he will believe you; but if the same boy sees a sign "Wet Paint" he has to check the fact for himself.

Town centres

WHEN the first and last letters are taken from the towns suggested by the clues in the first column, the answers to the clues in the second column will be found.

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| 1 City on the Nile. | Atmosphere. |
| 2 Town in Lincolnshire. | Not in. |
| 3 Sussex town. | Female sheep. |
| 4 Scottish town. | Gangway. |
| 5 Town of the Netherlands. | Former name for Persia. |

Answer next week

Wry pie

FUMED a fussy old fellow from Rye.

"There's a very odd taste to this pie."

Said his cook, "Yes, that's true; I believe it's the glue. Though it might be the packet of dye."

RODDY



"I hope he doesn't overdo it before Christmas Eve!"

Riddle in Rhyme

MY first is oriental,
My second is pure joy.
My whole's a sweet confection,
Adored by girl and boy.

Answer next week

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked together, the last two letters of the first being the first two of the second, and so on.

1. Carthaginian general (247-183 B.C.); he marched an army of over 100,000 men, with 50 elephants, from Spain into Gaul and over the Alps into Italy.

2. Danish princess (1844-1925) who became Queen of Great Britain; one of her brothers was King of Denmark, and another was King of Greece; an Empress of Russia was her sister.

3. French composer (1875-1937); composed the popular Mother Goose Suite and a much-played Bolero.

4. Poet and playwright, born in U.S.A. 1888, but has made his home in England and was naturalised in 1927; won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1948.

Answer next week

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

CATS AND RATS. In the stable Don saw a huge rat nibbling at a swede. Quietly he stole into the yard, where Fury, one of the farm cats was sitting. Picking up the cat, he tiptoed back and put her down. To his disgust, Fury merely looked puzzled, while Master Rat promptly vanished.

"I thought Fury was a good rat," complained Don to Farmer Gray.

"She is, but she must hunt in her own way," replied the farmer. "Not all cats will tackle a full-grown rat. Rats are fierce and courageous fighters, as well as being very crafty. Fortunately, cats, owls, stoats, and weasels take heavy toll of the young rats, which of course means fewer old ones."

Breezy

THE telephone operator asked the caller if she had the door of the kiosk open.

"Yes, miss. Why?" said the caller.

"It is difficult to hear you, as the noise of the traffic is so loud."

"Oh," said the caller. "I thought you could feel a draught."

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

How did he do it? A man with one eye saw two plums on a tree. He took one plum and one plum left he

Chain Quiz
Plato, Tolpuddle, Leonidas, Ashanti

November Thirds
Justinian, Goldsmith, Stevenson, Allingham, Frobenius, Churchill

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